#### **Building Idioms**

Fill in the blanks.

### 1. I can't get them do their homework. It is like banging my ..... against a brick wall.

foot	
chest	
head	

### 2. The news of her sudden demise hit me like

boomerang

a ton of bricks

bulldozer

## 3. Changing jobs is fine, but one must not burn one's .....

ladder

bridges

ropes

## 4. He doesn't work hard. He only builds castles in the .....

air

water

sand

# 5. I was in the ..... when dad discovered that I had dented his car.

doghouse

cathouse

pighouse

### 6. When my boss is away on business tours, I hold the .....

den	
fort	
office	

7. What the palmist said about my past life hit close to ...... He seemed to know everything about me.

home

heart

life

cards

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straw

### 9. She should put her own ..... in order before telling me what to do.

house

home

den

# 10. She brought the ..... down with her hilarious performance.

roof

house

ceiling

### 11. I'm tired of watching these .....programs on TV.

run-of-the-mill

run-of-the-factory

run-of-the-cottage

## 12. When she discovered that her son had failed his test, she went through the .....

door

wall

roof

### Answers

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5. I was in the doghouse when dad discovered that I had dented his car.

6. When my boss is away on business tours, I hold the fort.

7. What the palmist said about my past life hit close to home. He seemed to know everything about me.

8. The ceasefire agreement between the two countries was no stronger than a house of cards and quickly fell apart.

9. She should put her own house in order before telling me what to do.

10. She brought the house down with her hilarious performance.

11. I'm tired of watching these run-of-the-mill programs on TV. 12. When she discovered that her son had failed his test, she went through the roof.